

ment was taken up on its third reading, and certain verbal amendments reported by the committee on revision and compilation were agreed to.

The third reading of the article having been concluded, it was passed—yeas 80, nays 7.

Mr. Rider asked to take up the special order, being the report of the committee to provide for the formation of a new county from parts of Somerset and Worcester counties. Agreed to.

Section 1 was read and slightly amended.

Mr. Jones moved an amendment providing that the subject shall be submitted to the voters of the two counties at the next general election after the adoption of this constitution, instead of at the election for the adoption or rejection of the constitution.

Mr. Jones said it was unfortunate that the Convention had not left this matter to the Legislature, but if it was to be inserted in the constitution, he thought it very inexpedient to submit it to the people at the same time with this constitution. From letters which he had received, he thought it would result disastrously to the expectations formed by the supporters of the constitution. There was a great deal of feeling now engendered in the two counties on the subject.

Mr. Rider did not concur with his colleague. So far from this having a prejudicial effect on the adoption of the constitution, he believed that it would gain it many votes. He did not believe the people of the counties concerned were opposed to this movement. They were greatly suffering now from judicial abuses and for the sake of being rid of them would give up their local feelings and prejudices.

Mr. Tarr, of Worcester, said the object of the amendment was nothing but delay, and the whole design of the minority was to procrastinate. The people of Wicomico, if it was formed, would give a large majority for this constitution, no matter what was in it, as they were tired of the constitution of 1864.

Mr. Jones said the object of the amendment was as he stated, and any imputation to the contrary was unfounded and untrue.